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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/623,773

**Applicant(s)**

YU, KUO-PIN

**Examiner**

Raleigh Chiu

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election of claims 1-10, but requesting reconsideration of claims 11-13, in the paper filed 15 July 2004 is acknowledged.

Applicant has requested reconsideration of the requirement to elect a single species under 35 USC 121 by merely noting that the review of the non-elected claims should not be excessively burdensome but provides no evidence. Therefore, the response does not constitute a proper traverse. The absence of a proper traverse directed to the reasons for an election is taken as an acquiescence to the Examiner's requirement subject to the non-allowance of a generic claim. Accordingly, applicant's election to the requirement effectively becomes an election **without traverse**. See MPEP §§ 818.03(a) and 818.03(b).

In view of the failure to properly traverse the requirement for an election of species means applicant has lost the right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144 and 1.181. See MPEP § 808.03(c).

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

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2. Claims 11-13 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 4,983,242 (Reed).

Regarding claims 1, 2 and 6-10, Figures 1 and 2 of Reed show a frame member 22, and elastic member (dampening sleeve 26) and cover layer 24. Also, see column 3, line 35 through column 4, line 6. As Reed teaches the use of different materials in layers 22 and 24, the vibration wave transmission velocities are considered to be inherently different.

Regarding claim 3, layer 26 is broadly considered to be a piece.

5. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,409,215 (You).

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Regarding claim 1 and 5, Figure 8 of You shows a frame 62, elastic member 66, cover layer 64 and interlayer 70. Because the four sections can be made of different materials, the vibration wave transmission velocities are considered to be inherently different. Also, see You at column 3, lines 7-42.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### ***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raleigh Chiu whose telephone number is (703) 308-2247. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich, can be reached on (703) 308-1513.

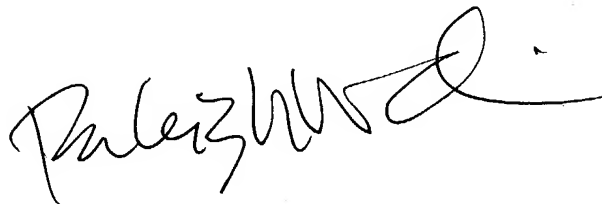
The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raleigh W. Chiu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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